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Dirk Kempthorne, Governor C. Stephen Allred, Director

Rick Albright USEPA 1200 Sixth Ave Seattle WA 98101

Dear Mr. Albright:

This letter is in response to your letter of August 1, 2002, regarding the closure of FMC Calciner Ponds.

As per your discussion with Brian Monson of my staff on August 21, 2002, the DEQ shares EPA's concerns regarding closure of the ponds and the schedule proposed in the Statement of Work by FMC. A draft letter was faxed to Linda Meyer of your staff on August 1, 2002, addressing issues in the Statement of Work. In a follow-up phone call to Linda, she indicated the letter appeared to incorporate EPA's concerns with the proposed Statement of Work.

DEQ also shares your concerns regarding communication efforts on the part of both our agencies. DEQ is committed to ensure that EPA Region 10 is allowed an opportunity to comment on any decisions made with respect to the FMC calciner ponds, in an effort to resolve any perceived problems with implementing RCRA closure requirements.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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